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**Re:** Application No. 09/967,095

See the attached in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2004:

(1) Petition For Extension of Time (one month) (in duplicate); and (2) Response to Final Office Action.

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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/967,095  
Filing Date: September 28, 2001  
Applicant(s): Nagel et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3627  
Examiner: Ronald Laneau  
Title: MARKET CENTER BASED PURCHASING SYSTEM  
AND METHOD

Attorney Docket: 705581US1

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2004, please amend the captioned application, as follows.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Final Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(s) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2.

**Remarks** begin at page 6.